Global Fall 2010: Providing Solutions for the Present, Honoring the Past

The fall season—despite lessening light and falling leaves—seems to convey a sense of progression: taking a forward step, advancing to the next level. The fall 2010 biannual Global Advisory Committee (GAC or Committee) meeting was certainly illustrative of this back-to-work reenergization. Committee members met on October 7 in Washington, DC, to conduct important group business and set forth the following action items, Committee recommendations, and justice information sharing solutions:

Global Leaders Elected: New Ideas, Familiar Faces

Congratulations to Robert Boehmer, GAC member representing the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA), and Carl Wicklund, GAC member representing the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA). Both were unanimously reelected to Global leadership posts as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. In addition to guiding Global’s dynamic and responsive efforts toward examining new, pressing needs such as the nexus between social networking and justice business implications (and associated privacy policy considerations), Bob and Carl continue to prioritize engaging members’ talents, feedback, and interest. To that end, they initiated two opportunities for greater GAC participation:

- **Restructured “roundtable” conversations**—now held the day before biannual Global meetings, casual in both agenda and dress to encourage free-flowing discussion. The first session convened to a standing-room-only crowd on October 6 and received unanimous high marks for the substantive yet collegial exchanges.

- **Biannual conference calls**—Members agree: two GAC events per year are too few. To maintain Global momentum and provide an additional forum for Committee education on cutting-edge issues affecting the Initiative, calls will be held in the interim between spring and fall meetings.

Global Recommendations for the Field

On October 7, via formal vote, GAC members delivered the following solutions to colleagues in the field:

- **Privacy and Information Quality Risks: Justice Agency Use of Biometrics**—The Global Privacy and Information Quality Working Group’s [GPIQWG](#) first biometric product is intended for administrators and policymakers to raise awareness and help uncover potential risks associated with biometric techniques not just at the point of collection, but throughout the entire agency biometric process.

- **IQ Series Overview: Global Information Quality Series Improves the Quality of Justice Information**—This overview will serve many purposes. It will support GPIQWG efforts to spread the word about the information quality series. Additionally, it provides a quick medium to showcase the resource series without the need for printing, shipping, and displaying each product individually. A hierarchy illustrates when and for what purpose each document was designed, assisting readers in determining which product(s) best suit their agency’s needs.

- **The U.S. DOJ’s Global Justice Reference Architecture (JRA) Information Sharing Enterprise Service-Level Agreement (SLA)—Version 1.0**—This Global Infrastructure/Standards Working Group resource is geared toward those responsible for drafting a new SLA and/or reviewing and refining an existing agreement in an agency, department, company, or organization that offers or uses an information sharing service. With a robust roadmap to an understanding of what should be considered in each SLA section, practitioners will receive the full benefits of “reuse” — drastically reducing the time necessary to construct and develop their own SLAs.

- **The Privacy Line Officer Video**—This roll-call training video for law enforcement officers, developed by the Criminal Intelligence Coordinating Council and Global Intelligence Working Group

These will be one-hour, structured briefings for Global members only and will kick off early in the new year. Stay tuned for your invitation!

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*GAC Chairman Bob Boehmer, reelected, fall 2010 GAC meeting.

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Global Recommendations, continued

members, addresses the importance of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections; educating line officers and professional law enforcement staff about related issues they may confront in their everyday work; and the liabilities associated with the failure to adhere to sound policy and practice.

Additional resources are being developed to support the video, which will be posted in the near future on the Global and National Criminal Intelligence Resource Center Web sites (www.it.ojp.gov/global and www.ncirc.gov). Contact information@ncirc.gov for more details.

Also, prior to the GAC meeting, Global members (via electronic vote) approved the Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management (GFIPM) Delivery Team’s suite of ten core GFIPM resources. The fact remains that the justice community continues to face duplicative inefficiencies—organizations and users required to complete multiple security forms and maintain multiple sign-ons, user IDs, and passwords (as well as cumbersome renewal processes). When this initial set of resources is implemented, GFIPM will address these issues by building trust and securing relationships to facilitate efficient and secure information exchange. These resources represent the core documentation that federation stakeholder members will use to build, test, and eventually implement respective components within the GFIPM enterprise. Four deliverables (slated for release early next year) will complete the resource suite but are not required for building and testing activities.

The GFIPM documents will be posted on www.it.ojp.gov/gfipm in the near future. For more information, contact global@iir.com.

Global and OJP: Celebrating Ten Years of Partnership

While fall 2010 was a time for Global advancements—new resources released; new opportunities for GAC participation; welcoming new Committee representative Anne Tompkins, Western District of North Carolina, from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA)—it also marked an important historical Global milestone: celebrating 10 years of partnership with the Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

The ceremony was led by Assistant Attorney General Laurie Robinson and included remarks from BJA Acting Director James H. Burch II; newly reelected GAC Chairman Bob Boehmer and Vice Chairman Carl Wicklund (the only remaining inaugural GAC member); and Chief Harlin McEwen, long-standing advocate for local, state, and tribal justice agencies’ inclusion in the information sharing dialogue. Award recipients—who were presented with certificates of commendation and had photographs taken with AAG Robinson and fellow honorees—including all current Global leaders and GAC members; Paul Wormeli, Executive Director of the IJIS Institute (Global’s industry partner); former GAC Chairman Kenneth Bouche (currently serving on the IJIS Institute Board of Directors; and Paul Kendall, Federal Bureau of Prisons’ Senior Counsel, who served as a federal leader during Global’s earlier days. Also commended as Global VIP volunteers were John Wandelt, GTRI; Russell Porter, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Kshemendra Paul, Program Manager (PM), Information Sharing Environment (ISE). (See the PM’s Global-related ISE blog).

Chief Harlin McEwen underscores the ongoing need for Global efforts

AAG Robinson eloquently summed up the spirit of the day — and 10-year partnership — in her remarks:

“In the last ten years, you [Global volunteers] have done an incredible job of promoting information sharing and achieving real success in the field. We are only celebrating this milestone because you were willing to share—to share your valuable time, your expertise, and your knowledge.

Today’s ceremony is all about what you—and the important organizations you represent—have given to this shared cause, and what the country has gained. All of you are busy, accomplished professionals with many competing demands, but your volunteerism is unparalleled. So, let me end by saying, thank you.”

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Acting Director James H. Burch II addresses ceremony attendees